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Mr. Glenn M. Eurick Environmental Affairs Coordinator Barrick Mercur Gold Mine P.O. Box 838 Tooele, Utah 84074

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Dear Mr. Eurick:

Re: Request for Approval to Commence Limited Construction, Barrick Mercur Sunrise
Waste Rock Dump & Dump Leach Area No. 3, M/045/017-88(1), Tooele County,
Utah

On May 21, 1990, we received your letter and a copy of a letter to Mr. Don Ostler, Utah Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC), which discussed the anticipated construction schedule for Dump Leach Area 3. It is our understanding that the construction work proposed will involve completing the compaction of the foundation waste rock dump which will ultimately underlie the proposed Dump Leach Area 3.

No work will be done involving construction of any aspect of the ultimate environmental protective measures prior to expiration of the public notice period and subsequent issuance of a Groundwater Discharge Permit or Construction Permit from BWPC.

The Division issued an approval to Barrick on May 17, 1989, for limited development of the Sunrise Waste Rock Dump Expansion. It is our opinion that the latest proposed construction work will not significantly alter or extend the disturbed area boundaries beyond what is presently impacted and bonded. Consequently, the Division does not object to Barrick's proposal to compact the waste rock dump foundation prior to expiration of the public comment period for the overall permit revision.

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As always, our approval is conditioned upon Barrick's receipt of all other pertinent clearances and/or regulatory approvals prior to commencement of the proposed construction activities. The Division appreciates your patience and continued cooperation in completing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton

Associate Director, Mining

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Don Ostler, BWPC

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